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Request for Training Material in German

1. ARB intends to train its agents in various tradecraft subjects by means of training briefs and to accomplish this, would like to obtain something more up-to-date and readable than the old Basic Agent Training manual excerpts which are the only training material in German presently on hand at ARB.

2. The Guide to Instruction in Basic Tradecraft, sent to Munich Base as attachment to EGMW-4532, 7 August 1957, would serve ARB's purpose if it is available in German and permission could be obtained to allow excerpts be given agents for their temporary retention and study. As EGMW-4532 states, "staff personnel will maintain custody of the documents at all times" and this would prevent their use as ARB intends. We plan to select subjects appropriate to the agent; then to give him material on one subject at a meeting, and at the following meeting, to discuss the subject and to fit his own situation into the conversation. This is the only way ARB's agents can be trained in tradecraft matters, we believe.

3. Sections of the Staybehind Manual (sent to ARB attached to EGMW-3375, 29 January 57) could also be used as aids in this type of individual training, but again it must be available in German and permission received to use it as explained above. ARB believes it does not have the time or the language facility (in [] use) to instruct its agents in these subjects by case officer briefing only and therefore feels some written material must be used in this training endeavor.

4. The Basic Agent Training manual is the only material in German which ARB possesses and it is, in [] opinion, quite outdated, verbose, and not representative of our best training efforts. If no other material in German can be obtained, however, ARB will have to rely on it. Please inform us whether the Basic Tradecraft or Staybehind Manual have been printed in German, if either can be used for the stated purpose, or if other appropriate training material is available for our use.

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